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NEW CIVIL AVIATION POLICY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the projected growth in air traffic and requirement of acquisition of additional aircraft and development of infrastructure at the airports and expenditure involved;

(b) the problems being faced by Indian aviation sector while competing with international airlines;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate new growth oriented Civil Aviation Policy to encourage public-private-partnership in the sector, resturcture Airports Authority of India, improve air connectivity and have liberal foreign direct investment norms to meet its huge demand of financial resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Currently, the domestic civil aviation sector is growing at a rate of about 37% and international sector at a rate of about 16%.

The total passenger traffic during 11th and 12th Five Year Plan is projected to grow at the rate of 21.6% and 17.8% respectively.

Airports authority of India (AAI) has projected to incur Rs. 12434/- crores during 11th Plan for infrastructure development of airports.

The growth of civil aviation sector depends upon economic growth, bussiness and toursit traffic, foreign tourist arrivals, affordability etc. Induction of aircraft is expected to be commensurate with the growth in passenger traffic in the coming years.

(b):- Traffic rights with foreign countries are exchanged on the principle of reciprocity. However, utilization of traffic rights by the Indian national carriers vis-a-vis foreign carriers was less due to fleet and other infrastructure constraints.

(c) and (d):- The National Civil Aviation Policy is presently under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM).